National Capital Region (NCR) in favour of using diesel of maximum 0.05% sulphur content.

(b) There was onc incident of blast of CNG cylinder at Delhi on 6.4.2001 due to use of spurious CNG cylinder.

(c) Subsequent to this incident, safty measures such as physical verification and logging details of vehicles and of CNG cylinder nos. have been started in Delhi.

MoU between ASI and IOC for developing heritage sites

1068 SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Archaeological Survey of India to develop five heritage sites in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the Memorandum of Understanding; and

(c) the steps taken to develop these sites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the Indian Oil Foundation (IOF) and the National Culture Fund (NCF), Government of India to implement the objectives of the OFI and develop heritage sites under the purview of the ASI.

Under the MoU, the IOF and the ASI shall, from time to time, in consultation with the NCF. identify the surrounding areas of the monuments to be developed with a view to developing, in course of time, at least onc monument in each State in India. The following heritage sites have been identified for development in the first phase:—

Site	State
Qutub Minar	Delhi
Konark	Orissa
Kanhcri Caves	Maharashtra
Hampi	Karnataka
Khajuraho	Madhya Pradesh

Steps have been taken to draw up the conceptual plans. Discussinos have been held with the State Governments, the ASI, the NCF and various departments and agencies of the State Governments to arrive at a consensus on the development proposals and also to secure various approvals for land and other facilities.

IOC's plan on LPG for automobiles

1069. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IOC is devising plans to provide LPG for automobiles;

(b) if so, the other details of the proposals to open Gas Filling Stations in big cities; and

(c) the amount to be invested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has planned to set up LPG dispensing stations at 52 existing Retail Outlets in Metros/State Capitals and big cities in the initial phase. Estimated cost of setting up an LPG dispensing station at an existing Retail Outlet is about Rs. 45 lakhs.

Supply of CNG

1070. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 8th June, 2001 under the caption 'CNG is an unenviable fuel for transport; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps taken to remedy the situation of its smooth supply?